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Note

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The report on the food situation in Madras Province for the fortnight ending 15-7-1948 at pp. 3-6 c.f. and the enclosures to it at pp.7-23 c.f. may be perused.

2. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP PROSPECTS:-

The South West Monsoon continued to be active on the West Coast during the fortnight and the rainfall was heavy in the South Kanara and Malabar districts. In the rest of the Province, the rainfall during the fortnight was heavy in the Nilgiris district, moderate (1.0 to 2.9 inches) in the Vizagapatam district, fair (0.5 to 0.9 inches) in the East Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Bellary, Kurnool and Chingleput districts and Madras City and light or nil in the other districts.

Agricultural operations were held up for want of sufficient rains in the North Arcot District. Water supply was inadequate in parts of the East Godavari, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli districts. Sowings of paddy were proceeding in the districts of Vizagaptam, East Godavari, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Malabar and South Kanara and in parts of the districts of Guntur, Tiruchirapalli and the Nilgirs. Sowings of dry crops were in progress in the districts of Vizagapatam and the Nilgiris and in parts of the South Arcot District. The condition of the standing crops was generally fair. Harvest of paddy was proceeding in parts of the Tiruchirapalli district and of cholam in the Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore districts. The out-turn of paddy was fair while the yield of cholam was poor to fair.

3. STOCK AND SUPPLY POSITION.

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 10-7-48 when compared with the stock-position on 3-7-48.

FOODGRAIN.	STOCK ON 3-7-48.	ON 10-7-48.
Rice	3,84635	3,87,991
Wheat	16,032	15,700
Maida	1,501	2,569
Maize	47,770	43,420
Other grains	13,703	14,151

RICE: The stock position in the districts is satisfactory except in North Arcot where stocks are low and replenishment is being effected by the transfer of 3,000 tons from the Central Storage Depot at Coimbatore and 5,460 tons from the Provincial Reserves at Cuddalore. Pending arrival of these allotments, the Collector of North Arcot has also been permitted to draw upon from the Provincial Reserves at Arkonam and Vellore to meet current requirements.

The Government of India have allotted 3,000 tons of rice from Orissa and 16,000 tons of overseas rice for July 1948.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight

From Orissa	1760	tons.
" Eastern states	564	"
" Overseas	24094	"
	26418	"

MILLETS AND MAIZE: The supply position is generally fair.

There were no receipts of maize or millets during the-

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the fortnight either from Overseas or from other Provinces.

Intimation has been received that 500 tons of millets allotted from Pataudi and 1,400 tons of bajra allotted from Faridkot state are not available now for export to this Province.

Out of the allotment of 2,000 tons of millets from the Central India States, only a quantity of 367 tons has been offered.

The Government of India have been requested to divert the maximum possible shipments of milo to this Province towards the balance quota due under the Basic plan for 1948 so as to be received at an early date.

WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS: 7040 tons of wheat and wheat products were received during the fortnight.

The 104 tons of semolina discharged in excess by S.S.Madura have been allotted to this Province.

4.PROGRESS OF PROCUREMENT: During the second fortnight of June, 16,729 tons of rice and 205 tons of millets were procured in all the surplus districts and in the districts of Malabar and the Nilgiris as against 25,580 tons of rice and 89 tons of millets procured in the preceding fortnight. The fall in the procurement of rice occurred mainly in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Nellore. The Collectors concerned have been instructed to step up procurement.

5. The statements relating to the prices of the several foodgrains, firewood, salt, oil etc., at various centres of the Province are at pp.7-23 c.f. The case may be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E.

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P.S.G. H.E. has seen, thanks.
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TO A.S.

The case may now be sent to the Dir.(I.& P.) for perusal and return.

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P.W.(I & P)
Seen, thanks.
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TO AS. The papers may now be recorded.

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